Connecticut State Department of Education
Professional Support Series for Districts

Please see below and join as we learn together and grow together.

Series 8 — May 12, 2020

Safe Student Use of the Internet

Internet Safety: Information for Parents and Caregivers

In today's ever growing technological world, new trends and programs are developed to improve our lives. But with all these new advances, especially during this challenging time of distant learning and students spending more time online than ever, come new concerns. Parents and caregivers will learn of the new technology their children are accessing, the risks and dangers that exist, and how to establish safety rules for their children. Topics include: today's current apps and programs; cyber bullying; sexting/texting; social networking positives and negatives; online gaming; how to protect kids from becoming victims of trafficking and exploitation; and, how families create "digital footprints."

This program is made possible through collaboration with the Connecticut State Department of Education, Connecticut Department of Children and Families, Connecticut Children's Alliance, Connecticut Human Trafficking Response Team (HART) and Prevent Child Abuse Connecticut.

Presenter: Scott Driscoll, former police officer and president of Internet Safety Concepts LLC

Date: Monday, May 18 at 10 a.m.

Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5980354101317253646

This session will not be recorded.

Internet Safety for Students

Internet Safety for Students: Empowering Smart Online Choices

In today's world students need to know what could happen if they are not thinking about safety or the consequences of using today's ever-changing technology. While there are a lot of positive aspects to the Internet, social media, gaming and communications, there are serious dangers that could happen if students don't understand the risks. Results of our online actions can impact us all immediately and in our futures, so the time to start thinking about smart online choices is now. This presentation will not be a lecture but will be an open and honest conversation about staying safe and making the best choices we can.

Topics include:

- social networking—positives and negatives and the impact they could have;
- cyber bullying—how to protect yourself and others;
- picture sharing—dangers and consequences;
- video chats;
- email concerns;
- creating "digital footprints"; and
- how technology can help or hurt you, not only currently but in the future.

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Presenter: Scott Driscoll, former police officer and president of Internet Safety Concepts LLC

Date: Tuesday, May 19 at 2 p.m.

Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2604995241045116174

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The Connecticut State Department of Education Student Voice Webinar

Student Voices: Distance Learning During COVID-19 — Virtual Connecticut Forum

The CSDE invited a small group of students (grades 7–12) representing public schools in Connecticut to tell us what is on their minds about the transition to distance learning during COVID-19 school closures. Hear how they have been coping, what they miss—and don't—about going to school, and what they would like their teachers and parents to know about their recent experiences.

Presenter: Kimberly S. Traverso, Education Consultant, CSDE

Date: Wednesday, May 20 at 1 p.m.

Recorded Session Available: May 27 on the CSDE Professional Support Series for Districts webpage.